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SUBJ: VISIT OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER WALLACE E. ROWLING TO THE

UNITED STATES

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1. ACCORDING TO OFFICE OF LEADER OF OPPOSITION, BILL ROWLING, THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER WILL ARRIVE IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AT 1915 HOURS SEATTLE TIME ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, VIA PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT NO. 830 FOR A PERSONAL VISIT. MR. ROWLING IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON AIRPORT AT 2135 HOURS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 VIA UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 174. HE WILL STAY WITH NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON LLOYD WHITE. THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON AIRPORT AT 1710 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 VIA NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 496. HE ARRIVES AT JOHN F. KENNEDY AIRPORT IN NEW YORK AT 1807 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON OCTOBER 3 AND DEPARTS AT 2030 HOURS THE SAME DAY FROM JOHN F. KENNEDY AIRPORT VIA PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT NO. 201 FOR RIO DE JANEIRO.

2. MR. ROWLING'S SECRETARY HAS THANKED US FOR OFFERING TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT HAS STATED THAT THE VISIT IS ENTIRELY PERSONAL. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD SERVE OUR INTERESTS IF SOME ATTENTION COULD BE PAID TO ROWLING WHILE UNCLASSIFIED

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HE IS IN THE UNITED STATES.

IF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE IN

SEATTLE HAS ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING VIP VISITORS, THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT CONSIDER INFORMING THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF MR. ROWLING'S TIME OF ARRIVAL, AND MENTION THE POSSIBILITY

OF HAVING SOMEONE AT THE AIRPORT TO BID MR.

ROWLING WELCOME. PERHAPS NOTHING REALLY NEEDS DOING IN WASHINGTON

BUT WE FEEL SURE THAT AT LEAST A TELEPHONE

CALL FROM EA/ANP TO THE NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY OFFERING TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO MR. ROWLING WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY HIM.

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